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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT FOR FOREIGN MUSEUM PROFESSIONALS

REF: STATE 6490; REYKJAVIK 0206

1. THE POST NOMINATES FOR THE PROJECT MR. THOR MAGNUSSON,  
DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ICELAND.

2. THE NATIONAL MUSEUM IS A KEY INSTITUTION IN ICELANDIC CULTURAL  
AND NATIONAL LIFE. ITS PREVIOUS DIRECTOR WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF  
ICELAND. MR. MAGNUSSON, STILL IN HIS 30'S, CAN BE EXPECTED TO PLAY  
AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE COUNTRY'S CULTURAL LIFE FOR DECADES TO  
COME.

3. NO ALTERNATE IS PROPOSED, SINCE NO OTHER POSSIBLE CANDIDATE  
MEETS THE SELECTION CRITERIA. THE POST HAS DECIDED TO MAKE A  
NOMINATION FOR THIS PROGRAM IN THE ABSENCE OR CANCELLATION OF  
MULTINATIONAL PROJECTS IN WHICH WE HAD WISHED TO PARTICIPATE IN  
THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, LABOR AND THE  
MULTINATIONAL JOURNALISTS TOUR.

4. THOR EYFELD MAGNUSSON, BORN 18 NOV. 1937 IN HVAMMSTANGI,  
ICELAND; CITIZEN OF ICELAND; ADDRESS, NATIONAL MUSEUM, SUDURGATA  
41, REYKJAVIK; STUDIED ICELANDIC LITERATURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
ICELAND 1958-59 AND ARCHEOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UPPSALA,  
SWEDEN, 1959-63, FROM WHICH HE OBTAINED THE DEGREE OF B.A.  
BECAME ASSISTANT AT NATIONAL MUSEUM 1964 AND DIRECTOR IN 1968.

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PUBLICATIONS INCLUDE ARTICLES ON ARCHEOLOGY AND ETHNOLOGY

PRINCIPALLY IN THE YEAR OF THE ICELANDIC ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
SINCE 1963. TRAVEL ABROAD INCLUDES NUMEROUS TRIPS TO SCANDINAVIA  
AND TO ENGLAND; 1965 GROUP TOUR TO EGYPT, LEBANON, JORDAN,  
SOVIET UNION, BULGARIA, TURKEY, GREECE AND ITALY; VISIT TO U.S.  
IN 1967 FOR PRIVATE PROGRAM AT CARNEGIE MUSEUM, PITTSBURGH.  
KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH FLUENT. MARRIED TO MARIA VILHJALMSDOTTIR.  
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